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In the Specification

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b), the following replacement paragraphs show all the changes made by the foregoing amendment relative to the previous version of the paragraphs.

For the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5:

--This application claims priority to [and incorporates by reference in its entirety,] United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/325,776 [09/797,830], [entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING GENE EXPRESSION DATA"] filed [on] March 5, 2001, [in which application a Petition to Convert Nonprovisional Application to Provisional Application has been filed] and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/862,424, filed May 23, 2001, which claims priority to Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/206,571, filed May 23, 2000. Each of the related applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.--

REMARKS

The foregoing is submitted as a Preliminary Amendment to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/090,144, and Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment by the Examiner. The Preliminary Amendment adds a claim to the benefit of a prior-filed U.S. nonprovisional application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/862,424 filed on May 23, 2001. Applicants believe that no fee is due and that a Petition for Acceptance of an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority is unnecessary because the priority claim is being made within the later of four months from the filing date of the present application or sixteen months from the filing date of the application to which priority is being claimed. If the Applicants are mistaken regarding the necessity of such a Petition or the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, please call Eleanor Musick at (404) 541-6681 or Geoffrey Gavin at (404) 815-6046.

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